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To: ADIC, New York (C-30) (P)

Date: May 23, 1997

FBI File No. 9A-NY-257447

Lab No. 60306071 D/L FT EW

LC #M-2022

Reference:

Communication dated February 26, 1996

Your No.

Re: UNSUB;

- VICTIM;

THE VILLAGE VOICE - VICTIM;

EXTORTION-THREATENING LETTERS

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March 6, 1996

Specimens: Two envelopes, Q1 and Q3 Letter, Q2 Sheet of paper, Q4

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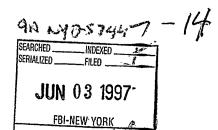
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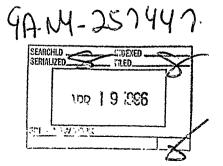
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Via: Messenger

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI From: ADIC, NEW YORK

Re: 9A-NY-0000000, 02/12/1996

b6 Details: Hartz Mountain and The Village b7C

Voice, contacted the NYO when he received the enclosed threatening letters. Additionally, the Village Voice has received telephone bomb threats on 2/6/96 and 2/23/96.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

At Laboratory Division/ Latent fingerprint Section

- 1. Examine the enclosed items for latent fingerprints.
- 2. Compare the items for identical prints.
- 3. Retain any latent prints developed on the enclosed evidence for comparison with prints to be submitted by New York, should a subject be identified.

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VILLAGE VOICE January 9 1996

n recognition of his tasteless remarks directed at gays, blacks and Hispanics, and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, State Senate majority leader Joseph Bruno takes home this year's What Else Would You Expect From a Greasy Wop? award. In one broadside, the powerful Republican derided Silver's aggressive style as "Lower East Side gutter politics"—Upstate shorthand for "dirty Jew."

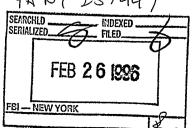
On another occasion, Bruno moved to strip domestic partnership health care coverage for Senate workers, saying the state should not subsidize "abnormal" gay lifestyles. Railing against welfare programs earlier this year, the Brunswick basher noted, "It's the blacks, the Hispanics . . . that got their hands out. They are the ones fighting for welfare."

For his efforts, the Wacko committee is sending Bruno a first edition of The Turner Diaries for his reading pleasure. Honorable mention in this category goes to Al D'Amato for his

stirring imitation of Judge Lance Ito, though the Republican pol lost points for his Senate apology. —BASTONE



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RUNNIN' SCARED Wops, Guineas, and Dagos

Bill Fugazy and the art of Ethnic Cleansing

hen it comes to fan mail, nothing tops the letter that once derided Runnin' as a "Mozzarella cheese-eating, self-hating goombah." The missive—which included other witty references to meatballs, olive

oil, and such was prompted by some story we wrote about a wiseguy. As we remember it (the handwritten note, sadly, has been misplaced), the writer promised

some type of boycott in retaliation for our sins against Italian Americans. In fact, it seems you cannot write a story these days that criticizes an Italian or mentions the M (five-letter word synonymous with mob, outfit, La Cosa Nostra, Black Hand, the office, etc.) without being accused of bigotry or threatened with financial ruin.

Heck, when we wrote a lengthy story in September 1993 about the M's continuing influence in New York, the Voice received a letter from the Washington-based National Italian American Foundation claiming we defamed 23 million Americans. The group pointed out that our "most blatant" transgression was the "accusation that the San Gennaro festival, one which spotlights the proud culture of the Italian American community, is 'brought to you by the mob.' What evidence do you have to support that assertion?"

More often than not, the man responsible for defending the country's downtrodden Italian community is WILLIAM FUGAZY, New York's self-appointed ethnic avenger. When he is not walking the beat, Fugazy, 71, works as a lobbyist, cultivating politicians, law enforcement officials, and gossip columnists alike.

The Voice's WAYNE BARRETT, a non-italian pal of this column, in 1993 reported extensively on Fugazy's tangled and tawdry business affairs, dealings that have apparently caught the attention of federal prosecutors. Last July, Barrett wrote that investigators had obtained extensive records from Fugazy's Madison Avenue office and had subpoenaed other records from businessman JOHN KLUGE, a longtime Fugazy foe.

The Voice stories exposed Fugazy as

a bankrupt filmflam man, so it came as no surprise last week when Fugazy finally tried to strike back. Pointing to an item in our annual Wacko awards, the Fugazy-led National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) announced a boycott of Hartz Mountain, the pet-supply giant run by Voice owner LEONARD STERN.

The offending Wacko—the
What Else Would You Expect
From a Greasy Wop? award—
went to State Senator JOSEPH
BRUNO in recognition of a series
of ugly stars uttered by the upstate Republican against gays,
blacks and Hispanics, and As-

sembly speaker
SHELDON SILVER. Fugazy and
NECO have yet to
criticize Bruno's
bashing. (in retrospect, the sarcastic "Greasy Wop"
reference may
have been a bit

harsh. Perhaps either "Dumb Dago" or "Graceless Cuinea" with their alliterative shine would have sufficed.)

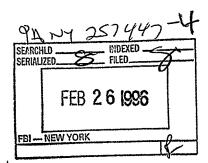
The Scarlet Letter

Postgossip columnist NEAL TRAVIS breathlessly reported last Thursday on the economic havoc about to befall Hartz at the hands of Fugazy's supposed coalition of 220 ethnic groups, including the aforementioned National Italian American Foundation and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). But spokesperson MYRNA SHINBAUM said the ADL was "unequivocally not a part of a coalition to boycott Hartz Mountain," though the group was "concerned" about the Voice's "use of an ethnic slur."

As the Voice went to press Friday (due to Monday's MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. holiday), Fugazy operatives were busy try ing to round up names for their ovein boycott petition. Fugazy supporters include state attorney jano general DENNIS VACCO, yabi Brooklyn District Attorney CHARLES HYNES, and state un or lis senator CATHERINE ABATE 10 whose side Fugazy once railied whose when the Times - correctly, it gnice r. should be noted identified the Manhattan pol's father as a member of the Luchese or granized crime family. Declining to join Fugazy's jihad was Allaise sensey SHARPTON, usually not one to an no pass up a boycott of city of the

Contributor: William Bastone Research: Marcus Wohlsen VILLAGE VOTCE JANUARY 23 1996







COALITION OF ITALO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

February 23, 1996 Special Agent b6 Federal Bureau of Investigation b7C 26 Federal Plaza New York, New York 10278 Dear Mr. of Hartz Mountain that they received a We have been advised by Mr threat from an outfit called the Italian Anti-Defamation League. Μr indicated that this organization was perhaps associated with us. We do not know this organization, and it's quite apparent that it is a fraudulent letter, as what organization would threaten to bomb someone using their real name? We would welcome any inquiry the FBI would like to make concerning this, and we wholly and completely disavow any organization that threatens violence, no matter what the cause may be. Sincerely yours, b6 b7C WDF:dr **Enclosures**

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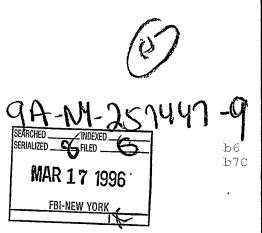
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BILL FUGAZY RAISES HIS *Voice*

What's behind **Bill Fugazy**'s shrill assault on *The Village Voice?* More than Fugazy lets on, if some sources are to be believed. In the past month, the loopy limousine tycoon and his National Ethnic Coalition of

Organizations have mounted a vituperative campaign against the beleaguered weekly, accusing it of disseminating ethnic slurs. On Thursday, NECO and Fugazy are holding a press conference calling for a boycott of Voice owner Leonard Stern's. Hartz Mountain-and, ludicrously, to announce the filing of a hate-crimes complaint against the weekly. Fugazy's attack was ostensibly prompted by an article on State Senator Joe Bruno, written by fellow Italian-American Bill Bastone, that awarded Bruno "The 'What-Would-You-Expect-From-a-Greasy-Wop' Award"-an intentionally crude, turn-the-tables satire of Bruno's perceived anti-black and anti-gay sentiments. Not surprisingly, Voice insiders speculate that Fugazy's counteraftack may have more to do with his ego than with ethnic victimization. From 1993 to 1995, the Voice's Wayne Barrett lambasted Fugazy in a series of articles pointing out his history of corruption and fraud while much of the New York press was touting him as a hero. The articles stemmed from a 1990 federal racketeering conviction for mail, wire, bankruptcy, and securities fraud, and called for further legal attention to

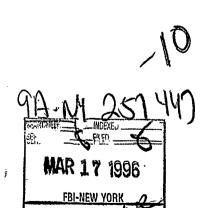
Fugazy's scams. As it happens, the NECO attorney leading the charge against the *Voice*, **Dom Amorosa**, is the very same one who represented Fugazy while he was being investigated for tax evasion by the U.S. Attor-

ney's office in 1995—an investigation prompted in part by the *Voice* articles. Despite apologies by *Voice* president **David Schneiderman**, editor-inchief **Karen Durbin** remains adamant. "I am disgusted," she says. "The *Voice* apologizes for nothing." Fugazy declined to comment.



Bill Fugazy: Limousine conservative

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EXTORTION-THREATENING LETTERS

00: New York

Specimens received:

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The FBI Laboratory has received the evidence which bycoursent for examination. The case has been assigned to Examiner who may be contacted at or through his/her supervisor at Please notify the Examiner immediately if any changes occur in the status of this case, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, guilty pleas, or other special circumstances.

In order to alert Laboratory Division personnel to the presence of potentially infectious human biological material, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Bloodborne Pathogen Standard must be followed. This standard* requires that biohazard warning labels be affixed to any container which may contain human blood or other human biological material. Additionally, please notify the FBI Laboratory immediately should any information be developed which indicates that the suspect(s) or victim(s) are known to be infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or the Hepatitis B virus.

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To: SAC DIVISION II From: SA Re: 9A-NY-NEW, 02/07/1996

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On 2/6/96 the VILLAGE VOICE received a telephonic bomb
threat, that caused the offices at 36 Cooper St. to be evacuated
The New York City Police Department Bomb Squad Responded, but no
bomb was found. The NYPD has opened a case on this telephone
threat, with <u>9th Precinct</u> , assigned. The writer will
maintain contact with throughout the investigation.
Also on 2/6/96 the writer spoke to

the Hartz Mt group, the company that owns the said that he did not believe that anyone VILLAGE VOICE. at the VILLAGE VOICE was in <u>imminent d</u>anger. The VILLAGE VOICE does not X-ray any mail, and declined the writers offer to provide information on detection of mail bombs.

On 2/7/96 the writer received the threat letter from The letter will be sent to the lab for latent fingerprint and handwriting examination. A prosecutive opinion from the US Attorneys Office, Southern District of New York, is forthcoming.